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FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER

1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) JAPAN'S NET ASSESSMENT FOR 1973 TO THE UN REGULAR BUDGET IS DOLS. 10,122,206, BASED ON AN ASSESSMENT RATE OF 5.40 PERCENT. IF THE UNGA APPROVES THE ASSESSMENT SCALE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS, JAPAN'S 1974-76 RATE WILL BE 7.15 PERCENT. BECAUSE WE DO NOT

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KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THE ACABQ RECOMMENDED BUDGET CUTS WILL

BE ACCEPTED, OR THE AMOUNT OF ADD-ONS TO BE EXPECTED DURING THE COMING UNGA, OR THE SIZE OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET THAT WILL BE TACKED ON TO THIS YEAR'S ASSESSMENTS, WE HAVE NO FIRM BUDGET TOTAL THAT CAN BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR ESTIMATING A 1974 ASSESSMENT FOR JAPAN WITHOUT RISKING A HIGH DEGREE OF INACCURACY.

(B) JAPANESE CY 1973 CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAJOR VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS ARE DOLS. 11.5 PLEDGED TO UNDP, DOLS. 1,250,000 PLEDGED TO UNICEF, DOLS. 2.5 MILLION PLEDGED TO UNFPA, DOLS. 200,000 CONTRIBUTED TO UNFDAC, AND DOLS. 10 MILLION PLEDGED TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND.

(C) WITH REGARD TO THE PERCENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS RELATIVE TO U.S. AND JAPANESE GNP, AN ACCEPTABLE CALCULATION OF SUCH PERCENTAGES WOULD REQUIRE CURRENT GNP DATA FROM BOTH COUNTRIES EXPRESSED IN DOLLARS. THE MOST RECENT FIGURES OF THIS TYPE ARE THE WORLD BANK DATA FOR 1970, SHOWING JAPAN WITH A DOLS. 198.8 BILLION GNP AND THE U.S. AT DOLS. 975.2 BILLION. WE DO NOT HAVE MORE CURRENT GNP DATA FOR CONVERTING THE PRESENT CONTRIBUTIONS INTO COMPARABLE PERCENTAGES.

(D) THE 1973 U.S. NET ASSESSMENT TO THE UN REGULAR BUDGET IS DOLS. 67,855,853, BASED ON THE 31.52 PERCENT RATE. OUR ACTUAL CONTRIBUTION IS LOWER BECAUSE OF THE DEDUCTION FOR REPAYMENT OF UN BONDS, BUT THE FIGURE HERE IS COMPARABLE TO THAT GIVEN ABOVE FOR JAPAN. REGARDING THE 1974 U.S. ASSESSMENT, OUR INITIAL FIGURES CALCULATED FOR IO BUDGET PRESENTATION WILL HAVE TO BE REVISED FOR THE REASONS EXPLAINED IN (A) ABOVE, AND THEREFORE WE HAVE NO RELIABLE ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME.

REGARDING U.S. 1973 CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAJOR VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS, WE ANTICIPATE PLEDGING DOLS 90 MILLION TO UNDP, AND HAVE PLEDGED DOLS. 15 MILLION TO UNICEF, PLEDGED DOLS. 19.3 MILLION TO UNFPA, CONTRIBUTED DOLS. 5 MILLION TO UNFDAC AND PLEDGED DOLS. 40 MILLION TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND FOR A 5 YEAR PERIOD.

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2. JAPANESE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY. IN THE FAO THE CURRENT RATE IS 6.76 PERCENT, BUT A NEW RATE WILL BE SET FOR 1974 AT THE 17TH CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER. IN IMCO RATE IS CURRENTLY 12.58 PERCENT AND WILL BE 12.69 PERCENT IN 1974. THE ICAO RATE IS CURRENTLY 4.96 PERCENT AND WILL BE 5.18 PERCENT IN 1974. THE ILO RATE IS CURRENTLY 3.93 PERCENT AND WILL BE 4.49 PERCENT IN 1974. THE ITU RATE IS CUR-

RENTLY 4.2 PERCENT AND WILL BE 4.1 PERCENT IN 1974.
THE UNESCO RATE IS 5.04 PERCENT FOR 1973-74. THE WHO RATE
IS CURRENTLY 4.88 PERCENT AND WILL BE 4.86 PERCENT IN
1974. THE WMO RATE IS CURRENTLY 2.26 PERCENT AND A NEW
RATE WILL BE APPROVED IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH IS EXPECTED
TO BE SLIGHTLY LOWER. RUSH

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